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Dear Sam,

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in providing me an advance look at the summary of the workshop on US/China military cooperation. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Congressional Research Service are to be commended for their sponsorship of such a timely and relevant seminar. You, your subcommittee, and its staff deserve special credit for organizing and actively participating in the workshop. I am pleased to note that three individuals from Defense participated on the panel as private individuals. I understand that many others from Defense attended the sessions and participated from the floor.

From the summary it appears that the panel did a good job of examining the issue. A panel of different individuals, of course, may have offered other insights and differed with this one on details. However, I think it is significant and probably representative of informed thinking on the subject that the panelists agreed with limited weapons sales while counseling caution about developing extensive military ties with China.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness. I am sure that my staff will find the full proceedings to be a useful reference as we participate in the formulation of our China policy.

Sincerely,

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